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SUBJECT: KHARTOUM TERRORIST TRIAL: FMG REACTION

REF: STATE 136684

1. IN PERSONAL REACTION TO USG STATEMENT REFTTEL, SENIOR MEA OFFICIAL JUNE 26 EXPRESSED COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF STRENGTH OF US FEELINGS OVER OUTCOME OF KHARTOUM TRIAL BUT ADDED THAT NIMEIRI'S PROBLEMS MUST ALSO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. ALREADY ACCUSED OF BEING "TRAITOR TO ARAB CAUSE" BECAUSE OF DECISION TO HOLD TRIAL, NIMEIRI PRESUMBLEY FELT COMMUTED SENTENCE AND TURNOVER TO PLO WERE BEST HE COULD DO IF HIS OWN POSITION WAS NOT TO BE PUT SERIOUSLY IN JEOPARDY.

2. SOURCE ADDED HYPOTHESIS THAT PLO MAY HAVE ASSURED NIMEIRI IT WOULD ACTUALLY ENFORCE SEVEN-YEAR JAIL SENTENCE ON TERRORISTS, WHICH HE SAW AS ONLY EXPLANATION FOR SUDANESE DECISION TO COMMUTE LIFE SENTENCES BEFORE HANDING PRISONERS OVER TO PLO. HE AGREED IT WOULD BE HARD TO CONVINCE WORLD OPINION THAT SENTENCES IN FACT BEING CARRIED OUT EVEN IF HIS HYPOTHESIS PROVED CORRECT.

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3. COMMENT: FMG UNLIKELY TO MAKE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT
ON KHARTOUM TRIAL.

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